

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 39-48, 52-59 and 65-69 are presently pending in the application.

Regarding Applicants' prior Request that the Final Office Action mailed July 13, 2007 be withdrawn, as being improper, that Request was made as a consequence of a properly and timely submitted Request for Continued Examination having been filed on April 16, 2007. The Patent Office acknowledged this filing but, apparently in error, issued the outstanding Office Action as a Final Office Action. In a telephone interview with Examiner David Shay on January 9, 2008, a confirmation was provided that the Final Office Action did indeed appear to be improper for the above reasons and that it would be withdrawn.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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